

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of USSN: 10/212,093

**Hidekazu MICHIOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3682** (Expected)

Serial No.: **Unassigned**

Examiner: **Lenard A. Footland** (Expected)

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For: **ROLLING ELEMENT INTEFERENCE PREVENTER AND A GUIDE DEVICE**

Attorney Docket No.: **021020A**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculating the fees, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.